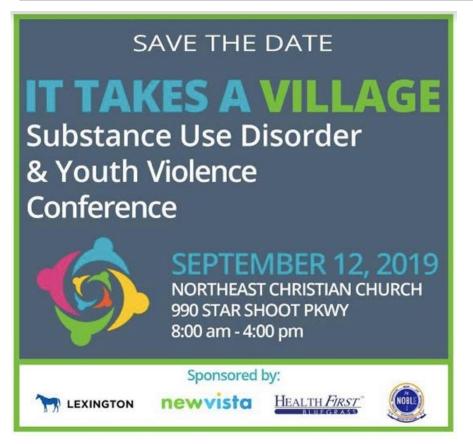


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Sessions related to youth violence prevention and intervention and substance use disorder will be offered:

- Social Media Trends and Youth Violence
- Harm Reduction Part One: The History of Harm Reduction
- Neighborhood Models Empowering Youth
- Harm Reduction Part Two: Where We Are Today
- Juvenile Justice System Panel
- The Relationship Between Trauma and Substance Use Disorder
- Suicide Prevention
- Social Determinants of Health

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The conference is offered at no-cost due to generous community sponsors, however, **registration is required** and is limited to 150 people. Below is a link to register:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PG7BD59

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REFOCUSING ON MISSION & BROADER COLLABORATION

The Urban County Council has amended the Domestic Violence Prevention Board Ordinance, to reflect the new name of the Board to the *Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition*.

The Coalition's focus areas have expanded since its establishment in 1986, as reflected in the recently amended mission statement:

To create a culture of safety and empowered stakeholders through advocacy, education, collaboration, and service coordination for communities impacted by interpersonal violence.



The Coalition is currently undertaking several initiatives to increase community understanding of intimate partner violence, and to improve system response for survivors, with a particular focus on survivors from underserved communities.



INVESTING IN TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE, TODAY

Summer Youth Job Training Program





For the 13th year, the Division of Youth Services led the Summer Youth Jobs Training Program. This summer, just over 300 youth worked at over 100 work sites throughout Lexington. The youth worker trainees, ages 14 – 17, worked 20 hours per week, over a 6 week period.

SYJTP is supported by LFUCG General Fund dollars, and the trainees earn \$10.10 per hour. There is no direct cost to host work sites, which include for – profit businesses, government agencies, and non – profit community organizations.

We salute Mattie Morton, LFUCG Program Administrator, and her team for their commitment to SYJTP. We also express gratitude to each of our participating training sites, for investing in the personal development and growth of local youth.





COMMUNITY BUILDING CAN BE TONS OF FUN

Special thanks to each of our Sponsors & Volunteers!





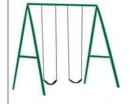






ADOPT A PARK AT GAINESWAY PARK

3495 Appian Way, Lexington, KY



From 1-4p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in July (excluding the Fourth of July)**

July 2nd, 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th,

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC* | ARTS & CRAFTS | SNACKS & GAMES

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-Word of Hope/St. Martha's Church -U.S. Army -Tates Creek Branch Library -Immanuel Baptist Church -The Lexington Fire Department and more!



*Activities are for elementary and middle school aged youth. High school students welccome to volunteer

**On inclement weather days, activities will be canceled

ANYWHERE. ANYTIME. ANY STATE OF MIND.







Fayette County is experiencing an increase in drug overdose deaths.

But there is hope.

Thanks to the Good Samaritan Law, you can report an overdose to 9-1-1 judgement free.

CORPORATE DONATION PROMOTES DIGITAL LITERACY





Last fall, MetroNet announced it will provide free gigabit – speed internet service and four computers to the Charles Young Center, in Lexington's East End. Soon after, a community partnership helped launch **MetroCats**, a digital literacy program for middle school students.

Over a span of 11 weeks, undergraduate engineering students at the University of Kentucky volunteered as teaching assistants to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at Lexington Traditional Magnet School.

The spring 2019 session included 16 students, and plans are now underway for the fall 2019 session. Partners for Youth is the lead facilitator for MetroCats, working closely with our community partners.













"It's exciting that this new high speed infrastructure will enhance the community's experience at Charles Young Center, and make the center a tech resource for the neighborhood" – Councilmember James Brown

PARTNERS FOR YOUTH'S 2019 "I DO" SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM LIST

See http://partners4youth.org/home/ or http://bit.ly/PFYidolist



Mayor Linda Gorton has appointed a Complete Count Committee to ensure Lexington counts every citizen in the upcoming 2020 federal Census.

"The census count has a big impact on the amount of federal grant funding Lexington is able to attract," Gorton said. "It's important that we count everyone." Census data affects funding for Head Start, public transportation, programs for senior citizens, and other programs.

The U.S. Constitution requires a complete census count every 10 years. It allows the Census Bureau to provide data about Americans and the U.S. economy.

Mayor Gorton issued an executive order, establishing a Complete Count Committee that includes:

- Parry Barrows, City Public Information Office
- Nicolas Benrey, U.S. Postal Service
- Lane Boldman, Fayette County Neighborhood Council
- Lt. Mark Brand, Lexington Police
- Councilmember James Brown
- Glenn Brown, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Carrie Butler, Lextran
- Craig Cammack, Mayor's Office
- Monica Conrad, Parks & Recreation
- David Cozart, Lexington Leadership Foundation
- Andrés Cruz, La Voz
- · Chris Ford, Social Services
- · Katrina Howard, Health Department
- Councilmember Susan Lamb
- Arthur Lucas, Diversity & Inclusion Office
- Josh Mers, Lexington Fairness
- Fred Mitchell, Russell Cave Church of Christ
- Megan Moloney, Transylvania University
- Patrice Muhammad, Key Newsjournal
- Rob Parmley, Lexington Public Library
- P.G. Peeples, Urban League of Lexington-Fayette County

- Councilmember Jennifer Reynolds
- Bridgett Rice, Community Action Council
- Mark Royse, Lexington Community Radio
- Polly Ruddick, Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention
- Ray Sexton, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission
- Austin Simms, Lexington Housing Authority
- Sheila Simpson, Bluegrass Community & Technical College
- Kristy Stambaugh, Division of Aging & Disability Services
- Bradley Stevenson, Child Care Council of Kentucky
- Isabel Taylor, Global Lex
- James Watts, Lexington VA Medical Center
- Jim Wims, University of Kentucky
- Lindsay Wright, Fayette County Public Schools
- Richard Young, CivicLex
- Dana Zinger, Commerce Lexington,
- and such other representatives of our community needed to ensure a complete count of all residents of Lexington-Fayette County.

The next meeting of the WeCountLex Committee is Wednesday, September 11th at 8:30 AM. The meeting will be held at the Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street, and is open to the public.

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